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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Burling. Members of the Legislature, now I'm going to put in a commercial for the Legislature as an institution. I'm the garbageman in the Legislature. I have to clean up a lot of mess. The Legislature is the garbage dump for a lot of agencies and the other branches of government. We allow our process, we allow our institution to be debased and demeaned when we let these other agencies dump onto us the work that they ought to be doing. Yesterday...I just happened to think of this, because Senator Mines looked at me, and when people look at me, they engage my mind. He had pointed out very succinctly that an issue that can be handled by that school group administratively is not one we ought to take on and handle legislatively. I agree with that. Instead of always having the public telling us, you introduce too many bills, the public should be saying...well, no, they don't know these other agencies are doing this. But they should ask us, if they see us doing this, why do you enact into statute what these agencies have been given the authority to do on their own? If the Secretary of State wants us to take away the power...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to do these kinds of things, we could debate that. And I would not agree with it, because although the present Secretary may not want to do these things, that power ought to be available for any Secretary, and it ought to remain attached to the office. But we have to stop being so amenable to everything that anybody brings to us. Although the Legislature represents the state and the public, representation does not mean every notion that somebody brings to us we have to have drafted into the form of a bill and presented for processing by the Legislature. We have to set higher standards. And until we do, we're going to continue to be walked on. We'll have things brought to us that somebody didn't even think through completely. But since the Legislature is so accommodating, just give it to them and let them decide what they're going to do with it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.